



03500.015411

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: F. Assaf
HIKARU HOSHI)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2872
Application No.: 09/871,638)	
	:	Allowed: August 25, 2004
Filed: June 4, 2001)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 9772
For: DIFFRACTIVE OPTICAL)	
ELEMENT AND OPTICAL	:	
SYSTEM)	October 1, 2004

Mail Stop Issue Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

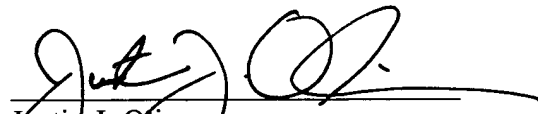
LETTER

Sir:

Attached to the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due form mailed August 25, 2004, the Examiner provided a Detailed Action which included a statement of the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's statement and find it to be generally acceptable. However, Applicant notes that the statement refers to the "diffractive optical element having 100% design diffraction efficiency." Out of an abundance of caution, Applicant notes that Claim 1 specifically recites the "diffractive optical element being set so that, at three wavelengths, the design diffraction efficiency thereof for diffracted light of a predetermined order is 100%."

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin J. Oliver
Attorney for Applicant
Registration No. 44,986

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10112-3801
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

JJO/tmm

DC_MAIN 179768v1